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REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 21, 2007

Claims 1, 2 and 4-99 are pending, with claims 1, 15, 21 and 27-32 being independent and claims 27-96 being withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 2, 4-26 and 97-99 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Edwards (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0077160) in view of Yoon (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,083). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because there would have been no motivation to combine the references in the manner set forth in the rejection.

As noted in applicant's prior reply, applicant disagrees that any motivation to combine Edwards with Yoon so as to have the system of Edwards have one of the first housing and the second housing include a transmitting unit while the other includes a receiving unit would have resulted from relying on Yoon to "specifically point out the arrangement of typical device components, such as the transmitting unit, the receiving unit, and the display."

As previously noted, Edwards states, in paragraph [0020] that "the antenna of certain handheld devices, such as satellite phones, must extend above the user's head" and that the "cover 24 operates as an extender for antenna 21" and "extends beyond the user's ear so that it provides the highest possible antenna base without requiring an antenna extension or the like." Thus, Edwards indicates that it is important to maximize the distance that the antenna extends from the components with which it operates, which would weigh against moving components to the cover of Edwards. Moreover, in order to maintain a consistent distance between the microphone and the speaker (which the rejection equates with the transmitting and receiving units), the size of the device of Edwards would need to be reduced if the microphone or speaker